



# The Theta Kite

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## The Theta Kite

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Denver Alumnae Chapter Members,

***One of the greatest benefits of being a Theta is developing bonds of friendship that supersede all social, cultural, geographical, and age barriers. No matter where a Theta goes or what she does, she's likely to encounter other Thetas.***

***And when she does, there's an instant connection!***

*From our Fraternity website*

As president of the Denver Alumnae Chapter for Kappa Alpha Theta, I am thrilled to write my first letter for the Theta Kite. I am also honored to lead an organization filled with so many wonderful, intelligent and truly impressive members.

This year's board of officers includes chapter members new and old – all with terrific energy and wonderful ideas for implementing programs for this next year that stimulate our intellectual and moral growth. We are fortunate to have such a strong and involved board!

Hopefully you were able to order flowers through our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Pansies and Plants Fundraiser that officially kicks off the spring season! Special thanks to Jil Doughtie, Shera Eddy and Newberry Brothers Nursery for coordinating this project to raise funds for our programs and scholarship efforts, and the local chapters of CASA.

Thank you for committing to another year of membership in the Denver Alumnae Chapter. Your dues help to sustain the activities of our chapter and your membership and participation helps make the chapter what it is today. If you have not submitted your annual dues, please do so as soon as possible so that we can include you in the directory that will be published soon. If you need another form, please email [ThetaDAC\\_VPM@hotmail.com](mailto:ThetaDAC_VPM@hotmail.com) or pay online <http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae>. Be sure to log in first.

We have much to be proud of as a chapter, including the terrific attendance at our May program where we assembled Welcome Home bags for babies born to families of modest means at Denver Health. We also have great pride for our long time board member Scottie Taylor Iverson who won the 2011 Denver Panhellenic Woman of the Year award at the luncheon in April!

As summer approaches, the DAC will take a brief break and resume activities in August. Mark your calendars for a year of great programs! Have a terrific and safe summer!

Loyally,  
Allison Radcliffe  
President  
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## RECENT DAC EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



(left to right): Newly inducted DAC 2011-2012 President Allison Radcliffe and outgoing DAC 2010-2011 President Andrea Autobee.



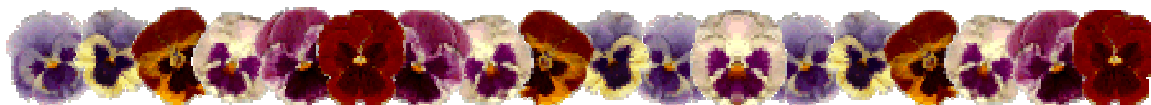
(left to right): Enjoying a fun round of Bunco at the March program are Leigh Plue, Liz Peterson, Leigh Miller and Rachel Bennett.



(left to right): Being careful not to step on anyone's toes, Gail Karsian and Stacy Hayes learn to dance at the April program held at Fred Astaire Dance Studio.



(left to right): Creating welcome bags for newborns delivered at Denver Health are Barb Gonzales, Rachel Bennett and Gail Karsian. This event was the May program and Spring Service Project.



***Pansy Bouquets To:***

Hats off to the membership committee – Leslie, Leigh, Shannon and Adrienne - on the current membership campaign!! Wow!

Many thanks to Adrienne Babb for stepping in to spearhead our database coordination!

Special thanks to Jane Siekmeier and Allison Klein and their hard working committee for all the excellent planning for Hearts and Heels this coming September 22nd.

Adrienne Babb, Rachel Bennett, Shannon Chandler, Sarah Hittner, Kathleen Markey, Leigh Miller, Jane Siekmeier, and countless others for going out of their way to introduce DAC to their Theta friends. We've gained many valuable new members as a result! – Leslie Franklin

Kudos to the Pansy and Plants chairs Jil Doughtie and Shera Eddy for a job WELL DONE!

Congratulations to Jane Siekmeier on her son, Jim, achieving Eagle Scout status, following his brother, Andy! - Deb Smith

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

*By Martha Doughtie, DAC VP Fraternity*

A great way of staying connected with Kappa Alpha Theta and at the same time making new friends and learning something new is becoming a volunteer within the fraternity. There are many and varied avenues and opportunities to make a real and valued contribution to the social, educational and philanthropic activities of Theta, an almost exclusively volunteer-powered organization.

Volunteer opportunities within Theta for alumnae are available for all levels of time commitment, varying from just a few hours a year to perhaps 15 hours a week. Some examples include helping with fundraisers (such as the benefit for CASA's Hearts and Heels), participating in service projects (such as the May project in which we assembled "Warm Welcome Bags" at Denver Health Medical Center for newborns of needy families), hostessing chapter programs, serving on the Executive Board of DAC or chairing a special interest group, as an officer on the national level of our fraternity, or participating as a member of either Beta Iota or Beta Omega's collegiate chapter Facility Corporation board or as a chapter advisor.

To learn about becoming a Theta volunteer and the various possibilities you may be interested in, check the Kappa Alpha Theta website to fill out a Volunteer Interest Indicator form or contact us via email at [volunteer@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:volunteer@kappaalphatheta.org). You may also contact DAC's alumnae president Allison Radcliffe at [arad@allisonradcliffe.com](mailto:arad@allisonradcliffe.com).

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**JOIN THE CHALLENGE!**

**The 2011-2012 Board has established a challenge for each board member to recruit a Theta friend or colleague who is not involved in our chapter to come to one of our programs and join as a member. We would like to extend that challenge to each one of you – to bring that Theta you know from down the street, or from your work or church, to one of our programs so that they can experience the comradery, sisterhood and fun that our group provides!**

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## LUNCH BUNCH!

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 11:30am  
Fossil Trace Golf Club  
3050 Illinois St, Golden  
Contact Lil Owens at 303-771-2255

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:30am  
Brio Tuscan Grille  
2500 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Denver (Cherry Creek)  
Contact Barbara Goss at 303-355-5658

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### 3rd Annual Hearts & Heels

Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 5:30 PM

Glenmoor Country Club, 110 Glenmoor Drive,  
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80111

**Contacts:** Co-Chairs:  
Allison Klein and Jane Siekmeier

Please join the Denver Alumnae Chapter as we host our third annual "Hearts & Heels" fundraising event. Proceeds support local CASA programs, and raise money for the chapter's philanthropy fund. Wine, beer, hors d'oeuvre's will be served. Silent auction and cash bar will also be available. Spouses, dates, and friends are welcomed!

**Cost Per Person:** \$25.00 or \$26.40 online

### Silent Auction Gift Gathering

#### Wine & Cheese Party

**Location:** Home of Elizabeth Metz

**Phone:** 303-220-0778

**From:** Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM

Please join the Denver Alumnae Chapter as we host a "gift gathering" for the silent auction portion of our third annual Hearts & Heels fundraising event. Cost of attendance is a silent auction item or gift card with a minimum value of \$25.00. Spouses as well as non-Theta friends are welcome to join us and donate an item. Light snacks, fun, and laughter will be served. Proceeds of the silent action benefit the programs and philanthropies of the Denver Alumnae Chapter.

**Event Contact:** Elizabeth Metz

### The Culture Club

When was the last time you attended a live music, dance, or dramatic performance or strolled through a gallery opening? Thanks to Theta, it could become a more common occurrence. The Culture Club (no relation to Boy George) is a new special interest group we are trying to organize... to take advantage of the many cultural opportunities throughout metro Denver. Contact Elizabeth Metz at [emmetz@comcast.net](mailto:emmetz@comcast.net) if you are interested.

### Caring Committee

If you know of a Theta who could use a meal due to an illness, surgery, death in the family or birth of a new baby, we're happy to help! Contact Tara Vlasimsky at 303-398-6003 or [taravlasimsky@yahoo.com](mailto:taravlasimsky@yahoo.com).

### Need a Theta Note?

Do you know of a birth, marriage, someone in the hospital or someone who has received an award? Has a Theta or relative passed away? If you would like a note written to that person from the Denver Alumnae Chapter, please contact our Courtesy Chair: Gail Karsian at 303-771-4677 or [Gailkar@aol.com](mailto:Gailkar@aol.com).

### NITE KITES

Nite Kites will meet through the summer with dates and locations TBA. Contact Ashley Nelson by email [ashleynelson@gmail.com](mailto:ashleynelson@gmail.com) or by cell 719-640-3955 if you're interested in joining the fun!

### Theta Thoughts

Marty Milne passed away in April. She was a Theta at Colorado College.

Lynn Hamstra, Beta Iota, passed away in April.

## Scottie Iverson Named Denver Area Panhellenic Woman of the Year

Since 1971 Denver Area Panhellenic, now representing 25 women's national and international fraternity alumnae organizations, has honored an outstanding Greek fraternity affiliated woman with a Woman of the Year Award. The award is based on contributions to Panhellenic, sorority, career and community. The 2011 winner is Scottie Taylor Iverson.



In Denver, she has committed decades of service to Kappa Alpha Theta-- holding offices, serving on the board, chairing signature fundraisers and committees and opening her home for programs.

She has been supportive in the community serving on the Children's Diabetes Foundation Guild board for nearly 25 years, serving as president of American Diabetes Association Auxiliary, president of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts Alliance, president of Denver Area Panhellenic and a member of dozens of other nonprofit boards.

Her numerous awards include being one of American Diabetes Association Golden Ball Honorees, Schlessman YMCA's Rookie of the Year, Colorado CASA's Angel of the Year, a "Distinguished Community Service Award" from Huntington's Disease Society of America in 2002, Metropolitan Club's Member of the Year 2004, Denver Alumnae Chapter Kappa Alpha Theta's highest honor - Woman of the Year in 2005.

"Greek life has been good to me," said Iverson. "I have enjoyed the sisterhood, opportunities, support, and bonds with women in other sororities through Panhellenic. In my senior year, I received a scholarship from the alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta and several honors and trophies throughout my college days because of my sorority. Winning DAP's Woman of the Year for Theta makes me especially proud. I am humbled to be in the company of the other outstanding candidates and listed with the previous winners. In part, I dedicate my "Olympic Gold" to my mother who sacrificed for me to enjoy campus life and Greek affiliation and to other Theta sisters who've been taken from us prematurely - including Lynne Hamstra, an alum who became a Theta at CU-Boulder."

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### Pansy and Plant Sale Raises More than \$2400 for Pansy Fund Shera Eddy and Jil Doughtie, Co-Chairs

Our annual Pansies and Plants Sale was a huge success this year as always.

Thank you to everyone who purchased plants and brought your friends and families to purchase too. ***Joyfully, we were able to add \$2,428.25 to our own Pansy Fund!***

We appreciate the 75 Thetas and friends that picked up their orders promptly at Newberrys as well as the following individuals that assisted us in making our sale a huge success. They are:

- Melissa Lee, website connection
- Andrea Autobee, for including the flyer in the Membership mailing
- Kelli Edelen, for publicizing our event in the Theta Eblasts
- Jill Pedicord Peterson for the highest number of sales and deliveries
- Susan Secrest for helping us pass out plants
- Barb Gonzales for our Newsletter coverage.



Sarah Hittner picking up her flowers at our annual Pansy and Plant Sale in May 2011.

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